

SEVERE WEATHER AWARENESS WEEK

- WHEREAS:** Each year Georgians face the threat of severe weather events such as lightning, thunderstorms, floods, flash floods, hailstorms, tornadoes and hurricanes, all potentially dangerous to life, health and property; and
- WHEREAS:** Urbanization and continued population growth increase the potential for these storms to cause death and destruction; and
- WHEREAS:** During the past 31 years, severe weather events caused the deaths of at least 308 people in Georgia; and
- WHEREAS:** Numerous weather-related injuries and substantial property damage occurred in Georgia in 2008; and
- WHEREAS:** It is vital that effective public education programs concerning severe weather systems and preparedness procedures continue for the benefit of all Georgians; and
- WHEREAS:** Departments and agencies of the local, state and federal governments, along with volunteer and professional associations, elected leaders and news media, are committed to informing residents in Cobb County and throughout the State of Georgia about safety and severe weather preparedness procedures so that they may better protect themselves, their families and their neighbors; and
- WHEREAS:** Cobb County is launching Ready Cobb, a public awareness campaign to help Cobb residents understand the importance of emergency preparedness and provide them with the tools necessary to be prepared in the event of a weather-related or other emergency; now
- THEREFORE:** We, the Cobb County Board of Commissioners, do hereby recognize the week of February 1-7, 2009, as "SEVERE WEATHER AWARENESS WEEK" in Cobb County, and encourage our citizens to become more aware of severe weather safety measures and to participate in the various awareness programs scheduled during the week:

February 1	Sunday	Family Preparedness Day
February 2	Monday	NOAA Weather Radio
February 3	Tuesday	Thunderstorm Safety
February 4	Wednesday	Tornado Safety (Statewide Drill)
February 5	Thursday	Lightning Safety
February 6	Friday	Flooding (Drill Back-up Day)
February 7	Saturday	Volunteers/Spotters

Signed this 22nd day of January 2008

Chairman

District 1

District 3

District 2

District 4